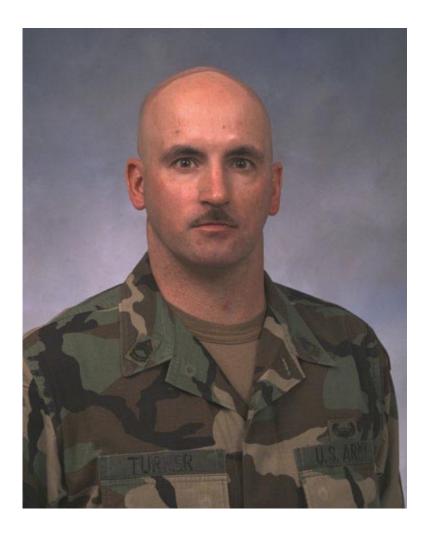


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# High honors for 94th soldier

First Army names 94th RSC NCO as Soldier of the Year



Sgt. 1st Class Vada Turner

by Eric J. Hurwitz 94th RSC Public Affairs Office

The First Army recently named Sgt. 1st Class Vada Turner, of the 94th Regional Support Command DSCIM, as Soldier of the Year.

Turner, 35, an Active Guard Reserve communications supervisor at the 94th, bested 35 other soldiers in a grueling questioning process involving two boards. While Turner couldn't answer every question, his military knowledge and attention to uniform detail contributed to his honor.

"I am into leadership and the pure love of being in the military," said Turner. "I'm a professional. I don't like being a minimum soldier."

The First Army awarded Turner two plaques, a thousand dollar savings bond, \$100 cash, a new Class A uniform and an Army commemorative gold watch, sweater and coins.

The 94th RSC initially honored Turner as the NCO of the year in January 2000 -- this allowed him to be eligible for the First Army Competition. At the competition, Turner says the First Army boards asked "Very tough questions."

"I've been at about 30 boards (in my career), and this one was the **Soldier, page 11** 

### Looking back on the Army Reserve's rich history

by Lt. Col. Randy Pullen

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — The Army turns 225 years old this month and the Army National Guard traces its history back more than three and a half centuries. So the Army Reserve - at 92 — is the youngest of the Army's three components.

But if that leads you to think the Army Reserve does not have much history, think again.

Army Reserve history includes places like the Meuse-Argonne, Chateau-Thierry, Bataan, the Pointe de Hoc and Utah Beach in Normandy.

Reservists were also present at Metz, the Umurbrogol Pocket on Peleliu, the Urasoe-Mura Escarpment on Okinawa, the Chosin Reservoir (Yes, the Army was there with the Marines at "Frozen Chosin") and Chu Lai. More recently, Dhahran, Mogadishu, Tuzla and Pristina have been destinations for Reserve members.

Army Reserve history includes people like Charles Lindbergh, Harry S. Truman, Desmond Doss, Henry Cabot Lodge, Henry Kissinger, Hiroshi Miyamura, John Page, and Celia Adolphi.

The citizen-soldiers of the Army Reserve have amassed plenty of history in the last 92 years and they add more to that history every day.

The U.S. Army Reserve traces its beginnings to April 23, 1908, when Congress passed Senate Bill 1424. This act authorized the Army to establish a reserve corps of medical officers. The Secretary of War could order these officers to active duty during time of emergency. This was the nation's first federal reserve.

Four years later, a provision of the Army Appropriations Act of 1912 created the Regular Army Reserve, a federal reserve outside the Medical Reserve Corps authorized in 1908. The first call-up of the Army Reserve came in 1916 as a result of tensions between the United States and Mexico caused by the Mexican bandit, Francisco "Pancho" Villa, and the subsequent punitive expedition after Villa led by Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing.

For a time, it looked like there might be a war between Mexico and the United States and for the first, but not the only time, the Army looked to its citizen-soldiers for added strength and expertise.

This first mobilization was an important development for the Army Reserve — and a great shakedown for the Army's reserve components prior to America's entry into World War I

— as was another piece of legislation that was passed in 1916.

The National Defense Act of 1916 established, by statute, the Officers Reserve Corps, the Enlisted Reserve Corps and the Reserve Officers Training Corps. One year later in 1917, the initial Reserve organization, the Medical Reserve Corps merged into the Officers Reserve Corps.

On April 6, 1917, America entered World War I. By the end of June 1917, there were 21,543 officer reservists and 35,000 enlisted reservists. Less than a decade earlier, there had been no reservists.

The Reserve's importance to Army medicine, its original specialty, was particularly striking: Reserve medical officers outnumbered RegularArmy doctors more than four to one. Of the Army nurses on active duty on April 6, 1917, almost half (170 out of 403) were Reservists.

As the Army expanded for World War I, so did the Army Reserve. In all, about 80,000 enlisted Reservists and almost 90,000 officer Reservists served in the First World War. They served in every division of the American Expeditionary Force, whether those divisions were Regular Army, National

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# 94th soldiers prepare for deployment

The following article is reprinted, with permission, from the Machester Union leader, Manchester, N.H. Reporter Shawne Wickham recently wrote an article on the 368th Engineering Battalion B Company and the 94th Military Police, both of which will be deploying this summer to the Balkans:

They are carpenters and welders, deputy sheriffs and police officers, students and teachers. And in a few short weeks, they will become peacekeepers.

Two units of Army Reservists with strong New Hampshire ties are on their way to the Balkans this summer as part of the multi-national forces assigned to preserve and restore peace in that devastated region. Soldiers from the 94th Regional Support command headquartered in Devens, Mass. - many of them Granite State natives - will be part of the largest U.S. Army Reserve activation in New England since Operation Desert Storm, during the Persian Gulf war.

Men and women from the 94th Military Police Company, which is based in Londonderry, will be deployed to Bosnia later this summer in support of what's known as "SFOR," the Stabilization Force that has been in that region for five years.

And soldiers from Bravo Company, 368th Engineer Combat Battalion, based in Attleboro, Mass., will deploy to Kosovo in support of the NATO-led international security task force called "KFOR," Kosovo Force.

Last week, both units were at the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area - formerly Fort Devens Army base - for readiness training, including weapons qualification and gas mask "confidence" drills. They'll both ship out to Fort Benning, Ga., for additional mission training next month.

Spc. Daryle LaMonica of Salem is a union carpenter in civilian life, and a carpentry and masonry specialist with the 368th Engineers.

The most difficult part of his impending deployment will be leaving his wife, Patty, and six-year-old twins, Daryle Jr. and Demi, who will start first grade while he is overseas.

"Other than that, I'd enjoy it, being in a different country. But I

think the toughest part is going to be missing my kids," he said.

LaMonica spent an emotional Father's Day last weekend, taking the twins miniature golfing and bowling: "Trying to do what we can in the short time we have," he said.

But he said it's worth the sacrifice. "It's going to be tough, but I love my country equally, so it goes both ways."

Spc. Matthew Fixler of Chester was expecting to start his sec-BALKANS, Page 11

# Memorial Day/Asian Pacific Observance...



The 94th RSC and Devens RFTA recently honored Memorial Day and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Devens RFTA Command Sgt. Maj. Sheila Williams, Devens RFTA Directorate of Plans and Training Chief Bob O'Brien, guest speaker Hai Van Ha and 94th Regional Support Command Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Richard Colt unite after a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Memorial Day. Van Ha is an former Naval officer of the Republic of South Vietnam and current chairman of the New England Chapter of the Vietnamese American Community of the United States.

Photo by Jan Abate



Maj. Gen. William N. Kiefer (right), commander of the 94th RSC, observes a petroleum exercise at one of several berms. *Photo by Jan Abate* 

# Fueled for success

### Devens RFTA hosts nationwide petroleum exercise

### by Eric J. Hurwitz 94th RSC Public Affairs Office

The Devens Reserve Forces Training Area recently fueled its stance as the "Army in New England" by hosting a massive petroleum exercise called POLEX.

Over 1,000 soldiers and 100

trucks from several states barrelled into the Devens RFTA's South Post from June 10-22 to train in this simulated war-time exercise. Soldiers ultimately transported and delivered 900,000 gallons of JP8 (Jet Propellant 8) fuel to real world customers, while purifying 600,000

gallons of water.

As one of only four installations nationwide to host POLEX, the Devens RFTA provided an ideal setting for the petroleum exercise, with compatible training facilities including two large storage areas where the fuel was loaded and unloaded from tankers. Twelve inflatable bags capable of holding 20,000 to 50,000 gallons of fuel set an incredible visual scenario at this intense two-week exercise.

The exercise consisted of three elements: line haul (delivery), storage and water purification. Contractors normally handle the fuel, but as part of an agreement they annually allow the Army to take over the responsibilities for two weeks, as part of Annual Training.

"Basically, we tell the contractors you take two weeks of vacation, and we'll take care of your job," said Col. William Crock, commander of the 475<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, of Farrell, Penn., which has lead authority over all POLEX operations at the Devens RFTA.

He added that some of the Army truck drivers "do this for a living, so that makes it easier for us."

Crock said that POLEX experienced a "very smooth set-up and that the soldiers were very proficient" at making sure all operations ran according to plan.

Crock expressed concern over the exercise, however, stating that working with a volatile fuel and combining that with a one-third turnover of soldiers from last year's exercise created a greater challenge.

"I'm more comfortable with the water (purification)," quipped Crock. "Water doesn't catch on fire."

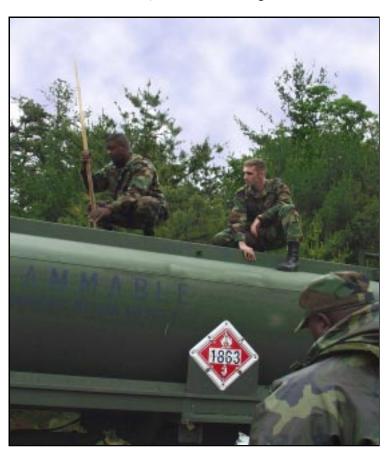
At the water filtration facility, soldiers used a state-of-the-art reverse osmosis operation to purify water from the Devens RFTA's Clear Lake. Soliders set up a pump from the lake, leading into the main filtration system which blocked out sand, sediment and impurities. Chlorine was then added to kill any remaining bacteria. Ultimately, soldiers used the water for POLEX's shower tent, laundry operation, or just for storage. Bladders held up to 25,000 gallons.

"This water is better than any city water," said water filtration operator, Sgt. Christopher Steward, of the 475<sup>th</sup>.

The 5,000 acre training area provided an ideal setting for the POLEX exercise. Because of the installation's small size, needs were met more easily according to Crock.

"I am really thrilled by the way we have been treated here and am looking forward to coming back next year," said Crock. "There have been years when we have trained at Active Duty posts, and we were just an annoyance to them. They got to us when they damn well pleased. This is better."

"We like it here and look forward to coming back next year."



Each petroleum truck underwent an intense inspection before being able to enter the POLEX exercises. The soldiers on the top are checking for quantity of the petroleum, while the soldier on the bottom right manages the checklist.

Photo by Jan Abate

# 1205th TROB goes public

by Sgt. Rick Scavetta 94th RSC Public Affairs Office

DANBURY, CONN. – When Al Huvner and his wife went to the Danbury Rail Museum in May for the annual Train Show, the last thing he expected to see was his unit from World War II.

The Poughkeepsie, N.Y., native was pleasantly surprised to see the 1205<sup>th</sup> Transportation Railway Operating Battalion, who wear the 94<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command patch, giving train rides to the public as part of their Reserve training. The two-day event attracted thousands of people.

Huvner, who was with the 94th Infantry Division when the unit breached the German's Siegfried Line, chatted with the 1205th soldiers in front of locomotive 4601, affectionately named "Pops."

"I'm going to have to tell them about this at the reunion," Huvner said. Along side the train tracks, children swarmed over WWII-era half-tracks and jeeps on display.

In the cabin, Staff Sgt. Brain Sizer, of Palmer, Mass., welcomed a group of children to ride the rails as he backed the train down the tracks. Peter Rezza brought his sons Adam and Craig from their North Attleboro, Mass, home to see the trains. Sporting striped engineer hats, the boys smiled excitedly as the train lumbered along the rails.

"I've been on a train before, but not like this one," seven-yearold Adam said. "You know the ones with the big pink windows?"



Children thoroughly enjoyed the 1205th trains

Adam's father said he was remembering the Essex Steam Train ride, in Essex, Conn..

For Spc. Michael Gray, of New London, Conn., helping kids on and off the train was a fun way to spend his weekend. He spent four years with the unit, left for a while, and returned because he missed rail events.

"It's the excitement and the people," Gray said. "I enjoy playing with trains."

But the job Gray and his colleagues, Sgt.Tony Foskey, of Groton, Conn., and Staff Sgt. Ganesh Persaud, of Rocky Hill, Conn., was not all fun and games. They worked as a team, hopping on and off the slow moving train to throw track switches. When the train stopped they ensured the safety of their passengers, helping them down the steps.

The 1205<sup>th</sup> was activated during Desert Storm. They were respon-

sible for transporting ordnance up and down the East Coast. Today, the unit is only one of two Army railway units and continues to train in Connecticut and at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, in Southport, NC. Inside festival tents, on the platform of the Rail Museum, children surrounded a model train mock-up of the Sunny Point facility created by Sgt. Dennis Dwyer.

The 220th Transportation Company displayed a tanker truck and Humvee ambulance. The coop-

eration between the 1205<sup>th</sup> and the 220<sup>th</sup> will continue into the summer as both units work to support the Air Show at Westover Air Force Base, in Chicoppee, Mass., said Capt. John Rettman. The 1205<sup>th</sup> is planning train rides for Air Show patrons.



Community outreach is a frequent theme for the 1205th.

# Relay for Life raises 59K+

by David Watson 94th RSC Public Affairs Office

Almost \$59,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society at the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area May 19 and 20, 2000 when 350 walkers braved rainy and cold conditions to participate in an 18-hour event called the Relay for Life held at Edmunds Field.

"Let the battle begin," said Lt. Col. Gracus K. Dunn, Installation Commander, Devens Reserve Forces Training Area, as he provided opening remarks for the event that would

link both military and civilian communities together in a fight against a common enemy - cancer.

Walking through a chilly mist, approximately 40 cancer survivors of all ages completed the initial lap at 6 p.m. signaling the start to the event. Spectators and participants alike clapped as the survivors completed the lap, delighted to have a chance to honor them.

Following the survivors, and walking in their own lap were cancer patient caregivers, who also received warm-hearted recognition for their role in

helping cancer victims.

After the ceremonial laps were completed, members of each relay team took to the ½-mile long course to begin their 18-hour marathon. Each team had to keep at least one walker on the course at all times. Most of the teams set up tents or campers in the infield to have a place to rest and get out of the wet weather.

Money raised by the event came through sponsor donations solicited by team members from private and corporate sources. Other income came from matching funds, and the

sale of souvenirs, clothing items and memorial luminaries. The American Cancer Society will use the money raised for research and education efforts, and to help pay for local programs.

On Saturday, thenoon sun broke through gray clouds, almost as if to signal the end of the 18 hour event. As the sun gave it's warmth to the track, the teams gathered together to walk a final lap around Edmunds Field. Some still carried jackets, some were obviously tired, but they were all smiling as they crossed the finish line.



# Soldier Services for 94th RSC

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## The rich history of the Army Reserve

Guard or National Army. The Reserve doughboys of 1917 and 1918 — among whose ranks were America's Ace of Aces Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and Col. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr. of the 1st Infantry Division — set the standard of dedicated service that Army Reservists have followed ever since.

Since World War I, Army Reservists — or Organized Reservists as they were called until 1952 — have taken part in every major American conflict of the 20th Century. They have been in the forefront of other types of crises as well. During the Great Depression, the Army Reserve provided the majority of the Army officers running the Civilian Conservation Corps camps, an important New Deal program that provided much-needed jobs for unemployed young men.

As World War II neared, the Army Reserve was mobilized again to provide the junior officers needed to build the huge Army necessary to defeat Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. Almost one of every four Army officers — more than 200,000 of the 900,000 Army officers during the war— was an Army Reservist.

Two wartime studies give an indication of how important the Reserve contribution was to the Army. A 1944 War Department study in one Regular Army infantry division found that 62.5

percent of the battalion commanders, 84.5 percent of the company commanders and 30.3 percent of the platoon leaders were reservists.

Another survey noted that between Sept. 1, 1943, and May 31, 1944, 52.4 percent of the Army officers killed in action and 27.7 percent of those missing in action came from the Organized Reserve.

The Army Reservists of World War II included men like Brig. Gen.Theodore Roosevelt Jr. He was the first general to land on a Normandy beach on D-Day and received the Medal of Honor for his actions that day.

Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle led the first raid to strike back against Japan and also received the Medal of Honor. Lt. Col. Strom Thurmond crash-landed in a glider with the 82nd Airborne Division Normandy. Lt. Col. James Earl Rudder led Rudder's Rangers up the Pointe du Hoc cliffs on D-Day. Another officer did his assigned duties well, but whose greater claim to fame would come later, was Capt. Ronald Reagan.

Five years after victory in World War II, the Army Reserve was desperately needed again.

In 1950, Army Reserve men and women were called up to rebuild the dangerously weak U.S. Army during the Korean War. Almost a quarter of amillion Army Reservists were called to active duty to serve in Korea, at home and elsewhere in the world during the Korean War. Among the Army's Korean War Medal of Honor recipients were Army Reservists Staff Sergeant Hiroshi Miyamura and Captain Raymond Harvey.

Miyamura received his Medal of Honor after his release from a Chinese POW camp in 1953, by which time it was President Dwight D.Eisenhower who presented it to him. Harvey received his earlier, in 1951, so it was given to him by a fellow Army Reservist, President Harry S. Truman.

World War I veteran Truman joined the Organized Reserve in 1920, rose to the rank of colonel and retired from the Army Reserve in 1953.

During the Berlin Crisis of 1961, some 60,000 Army Reservists were called to active duty. The Cold War stayed cold in Berlin but not on the other side of the world in Vietnam. Although the Johnson administration opted for no large Reserve call-ups for Vietnam, thousands of individual Army Reservists did serve in Vietnam, as did 35 USAR units deployed there in 1968.

USAR soldiers took part in the aftermath of the 1983 Grenada and 1989 Panama operations, but the next major crisis took place in the Persian Gulf in 1990-1991. More than 84,000 Army Reserve citizen-soldiers provided combat support and combat service support to the Army, at home and in the combat zone, during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Among the hardest hit Army units of the conflict was the USAR's 14th Quartermaster Detachment, victim of a SCUD missile attack on Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Thirteen men and women from this unit were killed in the attack.

Since 1991, the USAR has been engaged almost constantly around the world, in combat, humanitarian and peacekeeping operations. Reserve citizen soldiers went to northern Iraq following the Gulf War, provided hope in Somalia from 1992 to 1994 and went into Haiti in 1995 to restore democracy. More than 13,000 have been mobilized for the Bosnia operations JOINT EN-DEAVOR, JOINT GUARD and JOINT FORGE.

In 1999, Army Reservists supported the NATO operations against Yugoslavia in a number of ways. One of these was by conducting the refugee operation at Fort Dix, N.J., assisting more than 4,000 men, women and children displaced from their homes in Kosovo. That same year, more than 7,200

USAR soldiers went to Central America to assist the people there to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Mitch. Also in 1999, USAR soldiers took part in peace-keeping operations in East Timor and in Kosovo, following the end of hostilities there. As the 20th Century ended and the 21st began, Army Reservists continued to serve in the Balkans.

Today, the Army Reserve is the Army's essential support force. Without the Army Reserve, the Army cannot perform its missions. Thus, unlike its earlier "for emergency use only" history,

today's Army Reserve is used every day. Army Reservists can be found wherever the Army operates at home and abroad. The area of operations for the Army Reserve is global.

The reason is simple: many critical types of support units and capabilities are either exclusively or primarily in the Army Reserve. TheArmy Reserve has all of the Army's training divisions, railway units, enemy prisoner of war brigades and chemical brigades. It has most of the Army's civil affairs, psychological operations, medical and transpor-

tation units and a large portion of its public affairs, engineer and powerprojection assets, too.

As vital as are Army Reserve units — 1,600 units located in 1,100 Army Reserve Centers all across America — the individual men and women of the Army Reserve are even more important. These dedicated citizen-soldiers carry their civilian-acquired skills and expertise with them to meet the needs of the Army and the nation, then return home with even greater skills and expertise to make their com-

munities better. They volunteered to be "twice the citizen" and they are.

Today's Army Reservists, with a 92-year legacy of outstanding service to our country, are committed to ensuring the Army Reserve remains the Army's indispensable component in the new millennium and that the United States Army continues to be what it is — the best Army in theworld.

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Randy Pullen is assigned to the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.)

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## Soldiers to deploy to the Balkans

ond year at the University of New Hampshire in the fall; he plans to become an English teacher. Instead, he's heading to Bosnia with the 94th MP Company.

But he said he wasn't really surprised. "When you come to this kind of company, you know you're going to go somewhere if you stay in."

Fixler, who is 20, enlisted when he was a junior at Pinkerton Academy. "I wanted to be able to pursue things as a civilian and have time for that, but I also felt I

owed something back to my country and that I should pay up," he said. "I guess it's a sense of duty I'd always had. In my family, it was just sort of the thing to do."

Spc. Aimee Garneau of Nashua is also an MP with the 94th. She joined the Reserves her senior year at Nashua High and did her basic training the summer after she graduated, in 1996.

A customer service representative for SunCom, a wireless communications company in Nashua, she said she wanted to do something completely different in the Reserves.

Garneau, 21, said she's looking forward to deployment in Bosnia. "It's a chance to see a part of the world I'd never see otherwise," she said. "And it's free - they're paying me to go."

She said she and the other women in her company have earned the respect of their male peers. "We work hard and they recognize that, and we all work together very well," she said. "There's a lot of camaraderie in the unit. Everybody's watching

out for everybody else."

What will she miss the most? "I have a 2-yearold sister, and she's my little partner in crime, so I'm going to miss her very much," she said. "I'm just hoping she doesn't forget me. She's so young . . ."

Capt. Robert M. Raneri of Nashua is the commander of the 94th MP Company. He said his soldiers have become a truly cohesive group, despite their differing backgrounds, united in a common dedication to duty.

#### Soldier, From Page 1

### Soldier of the Year is a 94th NCO

most challenging," said Turner. "At the 94th board, you could kind of anticipate the 22 questions. In the First Army, they could ask anything. Some, I could not answer."

He adds, "I think

what also played a role was your own presence, primarily how you present yourself. I wore just regular issued Class As, but I really paid attention to the detail."



The 167
Command
Support
Group pays
respect to
the Army's
Birthday

167th CSG file photo

